

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 6-7, and 9-11 have been examined and claims 3, 4, 7, 9, 10, and 11 are amended herein. Accordingly, claims 1-4, 6, 7, and 9-11 are now pending in the application. Reconsideration of all outstanding objections and rejections and reexamination is requested.

This is an amendment making minor corrections to the claims as requested by the examiner to put the claims in better condition for appeal. 37 CFR §116(b)(2).

In particular, claim 3 has been amended to correct typographical errors noted by the applicants and claim 4 has been amended to correct typographical errors noted by the examiner at page 4 of the Office Action.

Additionally, the phrase "based on" in claims 7, 9, 10, and 11 has been replaced by clearer language as requested by the examiner at page 4 of the Office Action. This phrase has been changed to -- from -- as previously presented in claim 4 and accepted by the examiner.

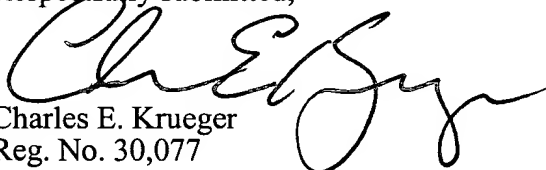
Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the changes presented herein be entered into the claims to be considered by the Board.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at (925) 944-3320.

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